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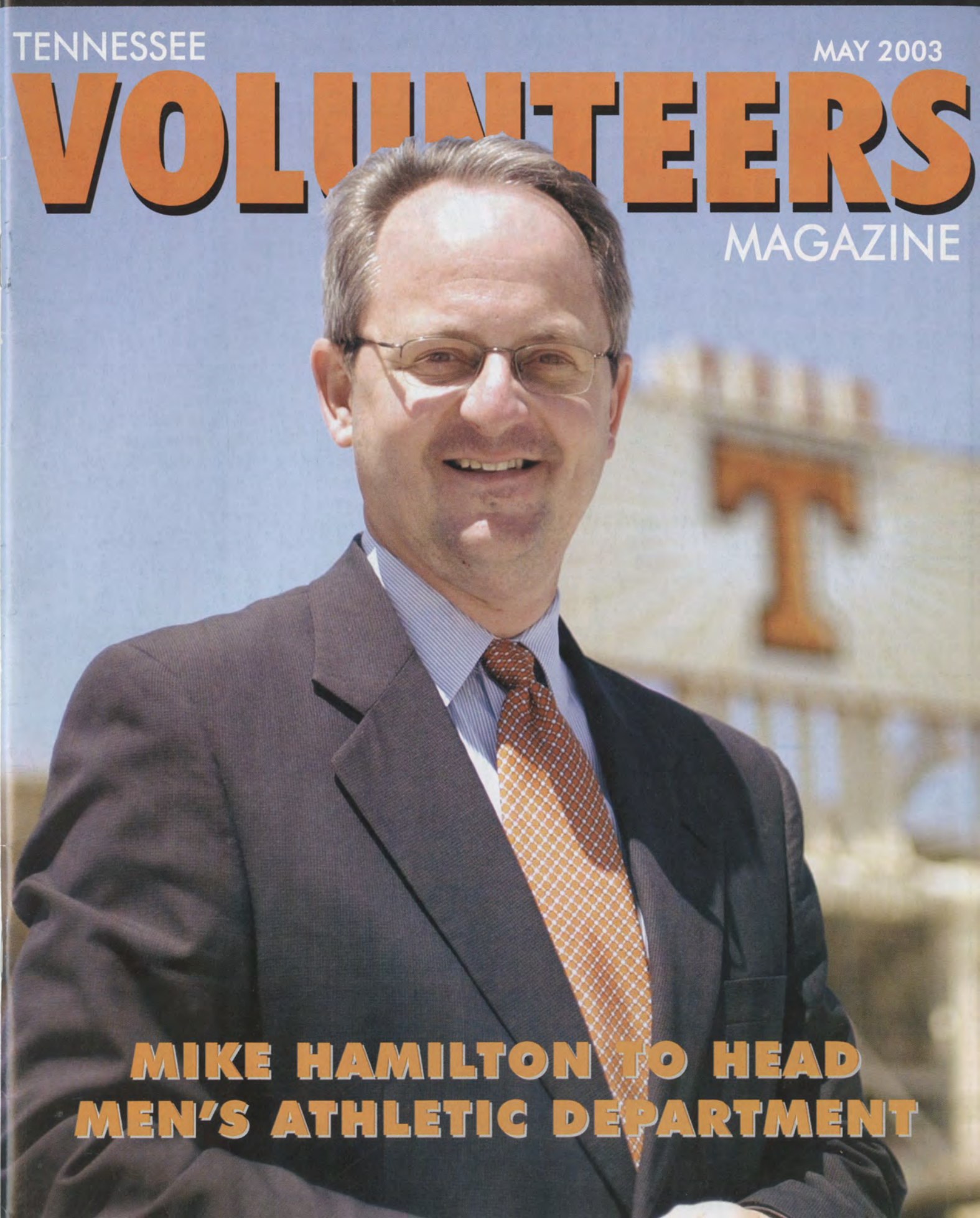

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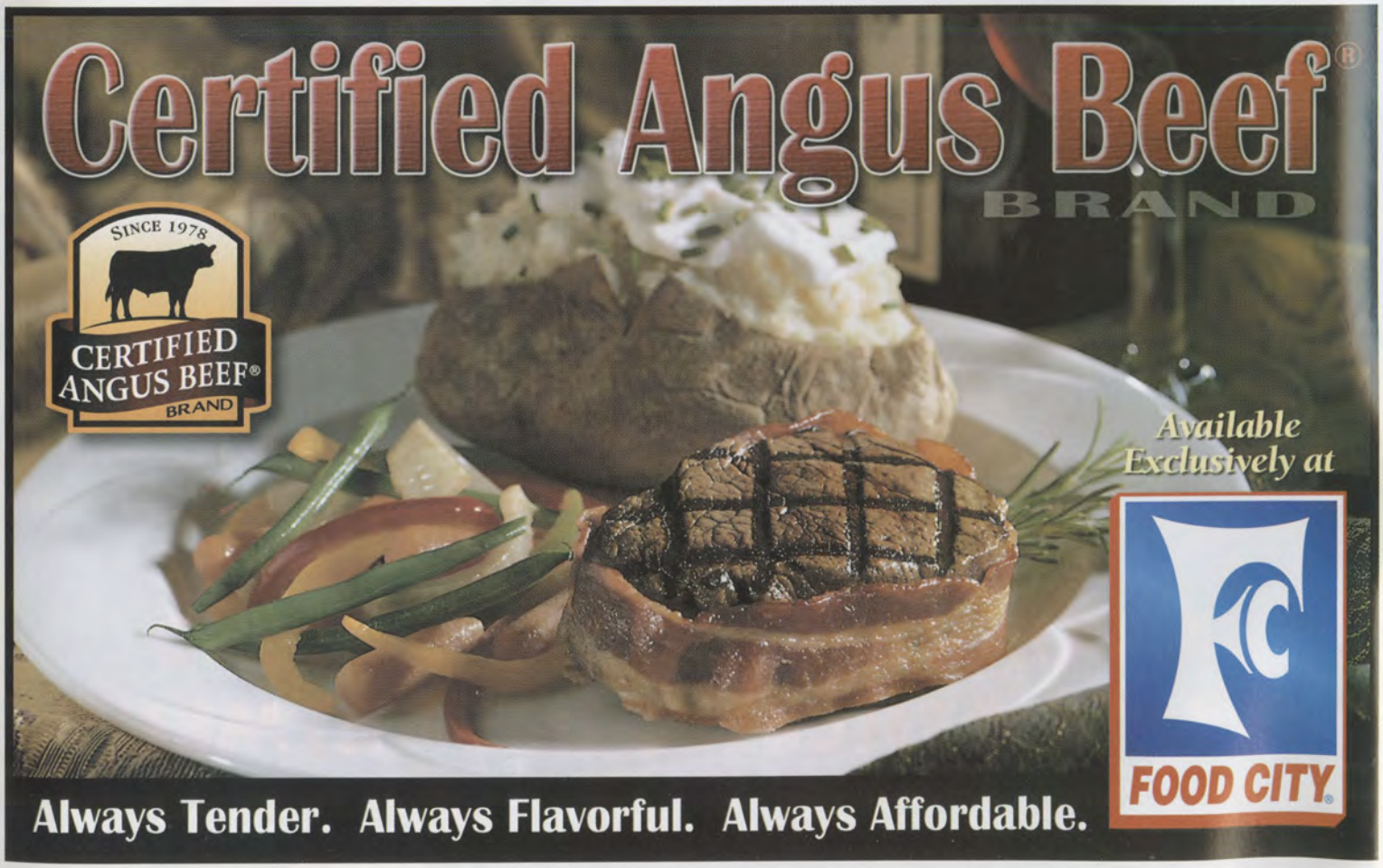

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BOC

LAWSON SELECTED FOR NACDA AWARD

Former Lady Vol Kara Lawson has been selected as one of four student-athletes in the country to receive a National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Directors' Cup Postgraduate Scholarship as announced on Tuesday. The winners, selected from 220 nominees spanning NCAA Divisions I, II, and III, as well as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), will each receive a $5,000 grant to be utilized towards their postgraduate studies.

Two other University of Tennessee Lady Vol student-athletes were among the 10 finalists from Division I. Joining Lawson were, rower Kacey Montgomery and diver Jaime Sanger.

TWO LADY VOLS SELECTED IN FIRST ROUND OF WNBA DRAFT

The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) recently held their annual draft and former University of Tennessee Lady Vol basketball players Kara Lawson and Gwen Jackson were chosen fifth and sixth overall in the event's opening round. With their selection, the seniors become the 17th and 18th Lady Vol players all-time to be tabbed for inclusion into the WNBA.

Several days later the Detroit Shock sent Lawson, their first round draft pick and fifth overall selection to the Sacramento Monarchs in exchange for league veteran and former University of Georgia player Kedra Holland-Corn and a 2004 second-round draft choice.

Lawson will join a veteran team consisting of stars such as Ticha Penichiero (Old Dominion '98) and Ruthie Bolton (Auburn '89), and will be reunited with rookie Chantelle Anderson (Vanderbilt '03), whom she played with on the gold-medal winning U.S. World University Games Team in 2001.

SLAY NAMED THIRD TEAM ALL-AMERICA

The Associated Press named Tennessee's Ron Slay to its third team All-America squad Apr. 3.

Slay, a senior forward from Nashville, was named the AP's SEC Player of the Year after leading the league in scoring with 21.2 points per game and ranking third in rebounding with 7.8 rebounds per game. He is the first Vol to earn All-America honors from the Associated Press since Allan Houston was also a third team selection in 1993 when he led the SEC in scoring with 22.3 points per game.

Slay is joined on the third-team by Keith Bogans (Kentucky), Brian Cook (Illinois), Reece Gaines (Louisville) and Kirk Hinrich (Kansas).

SKINNS, PARNABY NAMED TO ALL-SEC GOLF TEAMS

Tennessee's David Skinns and Ian Parnaby have been named to the 2003 All-Southeastern Conference Golf teams announced today by the league office in Birmingham, Ala. Skinns was named to the All-SEC first-team, while Parnaby was a second-team pick by the league's coaches.

A sophomore from Lincoln, England, Skinns leads the Vols stroke average (71.91) with 16 rounds of par or better and six top 10 finishes. Skinns was voted as the SEC's Freshman of the Year last year and the Softspikes National Freshman of the Year.

Parnaby, a junior from Durham, England, ranks second on the team in scoring average (72.86) and has 14 rounds of par or better and two top 10 finishes this year. He tied for individual honors at the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate in the fall season with a 1-under par 215.

THOMPSON & MONTGOMERY FINALIST FOR BOYD MCWHORTER SEC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Germantown native and University of Tennessee decathlete Kevin Thompson has been chosen as one of 24 finalists for the 2003 H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Twenty-four student-athletes, one male and one female from each SEC institution, have been chosen by their respective schools as recipients of an SEC post-graduate scholarship and are finalists for the H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

Thompson (Track and Field) and Kacey Montgomery (Rowing) were chosen from the University of Tennessee. Thompson, who graduated from Christian Brothers in 1998, currently studies in UT's Law School. Montgomery is a biology major from Apopka, Fla.

Each finalist will receive a $5,000 scholarship for post-graduate studies. The SEC Faculty Athletics Representatives Boyd McWhorter Selection Committee will choose the outstanding male and female student-athlete and each will receive a $10,000 post-graduate scholarship, provided by the ALLTEL Corporation.

"The Southeastern Conference and the ALLTEL Corporation are proud to recognize these 24 student-athletes for their accomplishments in their academics and athletics endeavors," said SEC Commissioner Mike Slive.

The SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards were first presented in 1986. The award was renamed the H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in May 1990 to honor the former commissioner who served the conference from 1972-86.

The award will be presented to the two winners this month at the SEC Spring Meetings in Destin, Fla. T

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DR. SHUMAKER ANNOUNCES AD SELECTION...

MIKE HAMILTON TO HEAD MEN'S ATHLETICS

When University of Tennessee president Dr. John Shumaker announced the hiring of Mike Hamilton as Tennessee's Director of Athletics May 10, the legacy and tradition of Tennessee athletics were very much on Mike's mind.

"I take the legacy of University of Tennessee athletics very seriously, with names like Nathan Dougherty, Bob Neyland, Bob Woodruff, John Barnhill and Doug Dickey," Hamilton said. "It's a dream job for me. I'm ready to go to work. My theory all along was to be the last man standing.

"I've always believed the University of Tennessee Athletics Director's job was one of the best positions in the nation. When I came to Tennessee in 1992, I was well aware of the great tradition the university had -- from Gen. Neyland through Bob Woodruff and to Doug Dickey. I appreciate the confidence Dr. Shumaker has expressed by giving me this opportunity. When you enter any business, most people want to achieve at the highest level. I take the opportunity and challenge seriously."

Also on his mind were what he identified as "five core values" which would guide his time as AD: compliance with NCAA and SEC rules, competing for championships, running a financially sound operation, graduating student-athletes and continuing a patter of service to the community and state, with the Athletics

University of Tennessee president Dr. John Shumaker meets the press after naming Mike Hamilton AD.

"We did a thorough and exhaustive national search involving several candidates as identified by our consultant, Dr. Charles Knapp of Heidrick & Struggles. On the basis of all the information we gathered and the candidates to which we spoke, I am convinced Mike Hamilton is the right man at the right time to be the men's Athletics Director at the University of Tennessee. We talked about the challenges he would face. His candidacy was strong from the beginning."

Dr. John Shumaker

President John Shumaker with Mike Hamilton after the announcement naming Hamilton as AD.

Department as a positive role model.

Dr. Shumaker's announcement culminated a search process which had been in place since February.

Hamilton is a native of Brevard, N.C., and has been in the position of Senior Associate Director of Athletics for external operations since September and has been on the UT staff since 1992.

He previously served as UT's Associate Director of Athletics for Development and Marketing. The Clemson University graduate came to Tennessee from Wake Forest University, where he was assistant director of development.

He will succeed Doug Dickey, who is retiring June 30.

"It's a very good day for the University of Tennessee," Dickey said. "I'm pleased with the decision. I think he'll provide vibrant leadership for the department.

"He knows us. He's been here for 11 years and it's hard to find an enemy. Whatever he asks of me, I'll be available. He has all the ability and will be an excellent fit for the department."

Dr. Shumaker discussed the process by which Hamilton's name came to the top of the list of potential candidates.

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"When I became president of the University of Tennessee a year ago, I committed myself to building the University one appointment at a time. We consulted with a broad base of University constituencies, staff, faculty, alumni, donors, boosters and friends. We were very careful to assess his qualifications as the best and he was the strongest candidate. He has great strength and vitality. I look forward to working with him."

Neyland was Tennessee's first Athletics Director, holding the position several times from 1926-62 when his career was not interrupted by military service. He had temporary replacements in Paul Parker (1935) and John Barnhill (1941-45), while he was in the Canal Zone and serving in World War II, respectively.

Bowden Wyatt was acting director from 1962-63, before Woodruff was named and held the post from 1963-85. Dickey, head football coach at UT from 1964-69, followed Woodruff and has been director for the last 18 years.

"We interviewed and evaluated Mike on the same basis as all the other candidates we measured for the UT assignment," Knapp said. "We recommended him without reservation to Dr. Shumaker as having all the attributes to be successful. Mike Hamilton really measures up well with the very best athletics directors in the country. I am confident he will do a superb job for the University of Tennessee."

Shumaker added his enthusiasm for the choice by saying, "We have compared him with the very best in the field and I am proud to say that everyone feels he can bring distinguished vision and leadership to the university. I look forward to working closely with Mike as a colleague in the years ahead."

Hamilton has led UT's marketing and development program and current facility development campaign, which increased from $4 million a year prior to his arrival to $25 million in generated gifts this past year.

"I think Tennessee has the best coaches in the nation and an athletic department that's dedicated toward supporting their endeavors," Hamilton continued. "We have an outstanding support base that gives us an opportunity to be successful on a national level. I certainly want to keep that tradition moving forward, even though I know there are challenges always in front of us to remain at the top.

"During the process of seeking a replacement for Coach Dickey, I'm certainly grateful for all the support I have received through a number of different avenues --

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>
> *Mike Hamilton*

fans, alumni and university family. It always has been a goal of mine to become an athletics director at some period during my career. I dreamed of the possibility that would be at Tennessee and today is a fulfillment of a goal that any athletic administrator would hope to obtain."

In his current post, Hamilton served as Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Operations at the University of Tennessee. Prior to his current position, he had served as Associate Athletics Director for Development and Marketing, and was hired in 1992 as Assistant Athletics Director for Development.

His title carries the full responsibility for UT's annual donors' program as well as all capital and planned giving. He assumed additional responsibilities this year for men's basketball and athletics marketing and promotional efforts. Gifts to the Volunteer Athletics Scholarship Fund (VASF) have increased from $4 million a year prior to his arrival to $25 million in 2003.

Hamilton was honored in the spring of 1998 when the National Association of Athletic Development Directors named him National Fundraiser of the Year. The 39-year-old (Aug. 13, 1963) Hamilton, who grew up in Brevard, N.C., and is a graduate of Clemson, served as assistant director of the Deacon Club at Wake Forest before joining the Vols staff in 1992. He had earlier served as a graduate assistant in fund-raising at his alma mater.

Hamilton and his wife, the former Elizabeth Merrill, also from Brevard, are parents of a 7-year-old daughter, Madison, and a 4-year-old son, Matthew.

A SECOND LOOK: It was Monday morning around 9:30 when I talked with Mike Hamilton about the events of the weekend, all of which transpired so quickly from the middle of Saturday afternoon on. He appeared comfortable and at ease, unruffled, if you will, with everything, just like always. He seemed ready to get back on the Big Orange Caravan in Franklin and Nashville, among other venues. Other than that it was a normal day.

I asked what it was like now that the "dust had settled" and some time had passes. His response, with a smile, was to the point: "Has it?"

He had just set up another media interview and had appointments scattered throughout the day, at 9:15 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. according to his secretary, "as of now."

All were associated with his new job. The phones were "crazy," she said. Events like this one acquire a momentum of their own and this one was no exception.

"I haven't had a whole lot of time," he said. "It's really been a whirlwind. Sunday morning I thought to myself, 'Did this really happen? Then you get the newspaper and there you are above the fold,'" referencing the way only the biggest stories appear on the top of the front page. Not quite with "end of the war" size type, but close.

The clincher: "This process has completely energized me."

But keeping things in perspective as always, Hamilton said there was one particularly gratifying thought.

"The thing that makes it special is the intense media and fan interest in the University of Tennessee. I've seen it over the last 48 hours, in terms of phone calls, e-mails and media attention. It's been nothing short of phenomenal. I've received so much support from fans, donors, friends and peers from across the nation."

He added there had been at least 100 phone calls, 50 e-mails and other expressions of support.

He made one other point that bears consideration, however. After the media conference and even two days later, the word "challenges" was on everyone's mind. Dr. Shumaker made that point in his remarks and Mike did not shy away from addressing what he would face when he takes over July 1.

"This is not the end, but the beginning," he said. "Getting the job is not the ultimate goal. It's what you do with the job that matters. I want to be the best I can."

Mike is one of the "good guys," a fact that will help as he goes along through his tenure as AD. There's no doubt he will be a great fit with Tennesseans across the width and expanse of Big Orange Country, however you define that term. T

by Tom Mattingly and Sports Information Office

VOLS HAVE EIGHT PLAYERS TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT

Tennessee's eight draft picks in this year's NFL Draft matched the most in the nation this year, while Southeastern Conference led the nation with the most selections for the sixth consecutive year.

The Vols, who set a school record with 10 NFL draftees a year ago, followed up this year with four picks on each day of the two-day event in New York. Florida and Miami also had eight selections in this year's draft.

With the eight selections in this year's draft, Tennessee's 68 picks since 1994 rank No. 1 nationally ahead of Florida State (64), Nebraska (57), Ohio State (57), Florida (56) and Miami (55).

During Saturday's first three rounds, linebacker Eddie Moore was chosen in the second round by Miami (49th overall pick), followed by third round picks in wide receiver Kelley Washington by Cincinnati (65), tight end Jason Witten by Dallas (69) and cornerback Julian Battle by Kansas City (92).

In the final four rounds on Sunday, defensive tackle Aubrayo Franklin was chosen in the fifth round by Baltimore (146), followed later in the round by linebacker Keyon Whiteside to Indianapolis (162). Defensive tackle Rashad Moore was the next Vol taken with the sixth round pick (183) by the Seattle Seahawks. Defensive tackle Demetrin Veal was the final UT player selected in the seventh round (238) by Atlanta.

Tennessee's 18 draft picks over the past two years are the most in back-to-back drafts in school history and rank second only in NCAA history to Miami's 19 picks in the 2002 and 2003 drafts. Miami (2000-01) and Southern California (1980-81) also had 18 players picked in consecutive drafts.

Miami head coach Dave Wannstedt said this of Eddie Moore:

"He was the highest rated player on our board when we picked at that particular time at a position where we had a need. Eddie's a guy that's played all three linebacker positions. He's a smart guy. He can run. He came in and he fits the mold of what we like from the standpoint of a linebacker with a lot of athletic ability that can cover and run. This guy can do that. He has played all three spots. We'll line him up at the weakside spot. He's an excellent special teams player. So he'll come in and show up and he'll play 25-30 plays on opening day."

As for Witten, who went in the third round to the Cowboys, it was a huge gift for a team needing to revamp their roster and for a coach known to use the tight ends in his offensive game plans.

"We just thought there were more alternatives at tight end than at center at that point," said Dallas head man Bill Parcells said. "But we were surprised to see him still there. I think he's a good kid and I hope he can come in here and contribute.

"We went with tight end in the third round and I've always been spoiled with that position," said Parcells, who coached Mark Bavaro with the Giants, along with Ben Coates in New England. "I think we might have gotten a quality player in Witten. We got a big, big fast guy who has shown a lot of ability."

Players waiting to hear from teams to sign free agent contracts are offensive tackle Will Ofenheusle, kicker Alex Walls, wide receiver Leonard Scott and defensive end Omari Hand.

by John Painter

NEWS FROM THE VASF

SEASON FOOTBALL REQUESTS

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COCA-COLA BIG ORANGE CARAVAN

The 2003 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan has started and we would love for you to join us on the caravan during the month of May. For more information on the Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan please call our office at (865) 974-1218 and ask for Brian Carroll.

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20	Clarksville
22	Orlando

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"Rocky Top" -- A Tribute to Felice and Boudleaux Bryant

The hands that lovingly wrote "Rocky Top," and many others that have become part of the fabric of American society, have been stilled.

Felice Bryant, who with her late husband Boudleaux wrote "Bye Bye Love" and other Everly Brothers hits and the hand-clapping bluegrass standard "Rocky Top," died April 23 at age 77.

Bryant, who had been diagnosed with cancer, died at her Gatlinburg home, said Caroline Davis, spokeswoman for the songwriters licensing agency BMI.

She and her husband, Boudleaux, who died in 1987, wrote or co-wrote 800 recorded songs cut by more than 500 vocalists. Their songs have accounted for approximately $500 million in sales.

Some of their other big hits included the Everlys' "Wake Up Little Susie," "We Could," recorded by various artists including Jim Reeves and Al Martino, and "Raining in My Heart," recorded by Buddy Holly, Dean Martin and Ray Price.

Others who recorded songs by the Bryants included Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Bob Dylan, the Grateful Dead, the Beach Boys, Tony Bennett, Simon & Garfunkel, Ray Charles, Roy Orbison and Sarah Vaughan.

The couple began writing songs together when Boudleaux Bryant set his wife's poetry to music. Their first major success was "Country Boy" by Little Jimmy Dickens in 1948.

They were among the first in Nashville to make songwriting a full-time career. The Bryants were elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1991 and inducted into the National Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1986.

"Rocky Top," written in 10 minutes in Gatlinburg in 1968 and recorded by the Osborne Brothers, became a state song in 1982, joining the "Tennessee Waltz" and others.

It has been the much beloved song for University of Tennessee athletic teams since 1972, whipping football crowds into a frenzy at Neyland Stadium, Thompson-Boling Arena and other venues where the Vols have played over the years.

The song, written with a bouncy beat, is about a secluded spot in the Smoky Mountains where there's no "smoggy smoke" or telephone bills. "Corn don't grow at all on Rocky Top, dirt's too rocky by far," the song says. "That's why all the folks on Rocky Top get their corn from a jar."

Her husband did most of the melody writing and she provided the lyrics. Alone, Boudleaux Bryant also wrote "All I Have to Do Is Dream" and "Devoted to You," both recorded by the Everly Brothers, and "Love Hurts," recorded by Orbison.

Felice Bryant was born in Milwaukee. She sang on the radio as a child, but her true passion was poetry.

Survivors include two sons.

Most Vols fans never met the Bryants, but their contribution to the University is immeasurable each time "Rocky Top" wafts through the air at a Vols sporting events. It's a unique song that contributes mightily to the tradition of the University and the state it represents.

Think about a great songwriting career whenever you hear it played. Think about Felice and Boudleaux and what they meant to us all.

The song will mean more each time we hear it.

EMMON LOVE MAKES COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM

Thirty years ago, Oak Ridge's Emmon Love, then a wide receiver for Bill Battle's University of Tennessee football team, was preparing for his final season as a Vols wide receiver.

As of April 2, his name, along with those of wife, Sandy, and sons, Mark and Todd, now adorns the wide receivers office in the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center, in recognition of his commitment to STEP UP - The Campaign for UT Athletic Facilities. The naming ceremonies were held at the Sports Center.

"I think it's important that people who have played here give back something to this program and this University," Love said. "The University of Tennessee gave me a great opportunity. I used to tell my brothers and my father that, if I could make it through practice during the week, Saturday was like a day off."

Love was a Tennessee wideout from 1971-73, leading the Vols in receiving in 1972. He was No. 85 in his Orange and White Tennessee jersey and now leaves his imprint on the Vol wide receivers of today.

"We've had a great response from our athletes to our Capital Campaign and had some great leadership from them," Athletics Director Doug Dickey said. "Emmon and the family have been a great part of being the athlete who came back and never forgot about us. He's done a great job in his business career and a great job in sharing that with the University. We're very appreciative of that."

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The Love family pictured with members of the offensive staff. Pictured are (L-R) Coach Pat Washington, Coach Jimmy Ray Stephens, Sandy Love (front), Emmon Love (behind Sandy), Coach Randy Sanders, Todd and Mark Love.

Love is now in the insurance business in Knoxville, as a principal with Ameriplan Benefits Corporation. He was joined at the ceremonies by brother, Steve, nephew, Matthew, business partner Bud Sherrod and wife, Barbara.

"Each time our athletic programs have had a need, Emmon has stepped up, not just as a participant, but as a true leader," Senior Associate Athletic Director Mike Hamilton said. "With the VASF, the Thornton Center, and now the STEP UP campaign, Emmon and Sandy truly epitomize the Volunteer spirit."

The Love gift is part of STEP UP- The Campaign for UT Athletic Facilities, a comprehensive program for new, renovated and expanded facilities benefiting 17 of UT's 20 men and women's intercollegiate teams in their continued quest for SEC and NCAA championships.

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by Tom Mattingly

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The annual Lettermen's Golf Tournament at Willow Creek Golf Club was held April 11 under cool and partly cloudy conditions. Despite the cool weather, the event went off very well and some nice prizes were handed out. The only prizes not claimed this year were the Buick automobile provided by Twin City Buick and the ski boat from MasterCraft.

We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors, edsouth and Chick-fil-A , for their supportas well as our many hole sponsors who contributed to this year's event. Many thanks to head golf coach Jim Kelson for his support as well.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT PRIZE WINNERS

Prizes were awarded for Gross Winners, Net Winners, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. The winners were given traveling trophies that will be brought back next year for the next group of winners while a plaque with the names of each year's winners will be placed in the T-Club Room at Thompson-Boling Arena. The winners were as follows:

Gross Winners: Eric Rebmann & John Burns - 65
Net Winners: Bobby Gratz & Bob Thomas - 48
Longest Drive: Eric Reeves
Closest to the Pin:
Ed Bailey #2 & #11
Bob Gratz #14
Jim Hill #6

Gross winners (L-R) John Burns and Eric Rebmann

Net winners (L-R) Bob Thomas and Bobby Gratz

In all, nearly 100 people hit the links to show their skills or just to give a good reason to be anywhere but the office. Coach Johnny Majors attended this year's event and had a great time. He joined Dr. David Rudder, Condredge Holloway and Jeff Golliher for a foursome as they hit the fairways.

TOP PICTURE (L-R): Bill Lanter, Bob Sandlin, Tommy Bronson and Jim Smelcher. MIDDLE PICTURE (L-R): Glenn Streno, David James, Lee North and David Douglas. BOTTOM PHOTO (L-R): Charles Higdon and Chaddy Baker.

CLOCKWISE (L-R). TOP - Coach Johnny Majors. TOP RIGHT - Ed Bailey, Don Leake, Tim Irwin and David Leake. MIDDLE RIGHT - Bob Thomas, Bobby Gratz, Paul Tilson and Buddy Fisher. BOTTOM: Andy Kozar memorialized his good friend and teammate, Dick Ernsberger, with a hole sponsorship on hole No. 1.

SUMMER FUNTIME IN TENNESSEE

Our annual event at the Keith McCord Farm is scheduled June 14 from 2-8 p.m.

There will be horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, paddleboating, fishing, swimming, games, food and lots of fellowship.

ALL FREE

Please help us plan for enough food for the event by calling 865.974.9054 to make your reservations with Judy Constantine for you, your family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

David Scire - Track & Cross Country (1969-71), April 4, Bedford, Texas

Jody Ellis - Football (1949-50), March 19, Nashville

Jimmy Hill - Football (1947-50), May 5, Maryville

PREPARING FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

It's that time of year again: classes are winding down, sports seasons are finishing up, and seniors are stressing over what comes next. The goal of the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program is to help student-athletes to succeed in life beyond college, and lately we've been busy helping student-athletes polish their resumes and search for jobs.

On April 2, CHAMPS held the Second Annual Spring Student-Athlete Career Fair at the Wolf-Kaplan Center.

The Career Fair was attended by 14 companies selected according to the needs of the student-athletes. The Career Fair provided our student-athletes with the opportunity to meet potential employers, discuss future job and internship opportunities, and practice their interviewing skills.

The Career Fair began with a networking dinner at which Coach Phillip Fulmer, Athletics Directors Doug Dickey and Joan Cronan spoke to the representatives from the companies in attendance about how much their companies could benefit from hiring any one of our 47 graduating seniors. The representatives were also given a Student-Athlete Resume Book and a CD containing information on the CHAMPS program and on the Student-Athlete Career Network.

This semester's Student-Athlete Career Fair not only helped the student-athletes in their career search but was also integral in helping us continue to develop our relationship with companies interested in hiring student-athletes upon graduation.

Senior Seminars

Another program organized through CHAMPS was a series of seminars addressing the psychological experiences student-athletes may face upon graduation.

The Senior Student-Athlete Seminars were designed to address the unique transitional needs of intercollegiate student-athletes. Students were encouraged to engage in the process of self-assessment and reflect on how they can apply what they have learned throughout college to life after graduation. Presenters for these workshops included Kristin Martin from Team ENHANCE, Joe Whitney, UT's Director of Sport Psychology, and Aimee Kimball, CHAMPS graduate assistant. Our goal is to use the outline for the workshops to create a one-credit class for senior student-athletes so they can systematically prepare for life after college.

Thanks for your continued support of the CHAMPS Program. Be on the lookout for our annual report so you can know all that we've accomplished throughout the year!

by Molly Justice

FUND DRIVE VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At the heart of the Tennessee tradition are the volunteers - special individuals who make the goals of the program the center of their focus. Hard work and discipline are the tools they use. Whether as student-athletes, coaches, or simply as fans, these individuals are dedicated to helping the Big Orange get better each day.

VASF Fund Drive volunteers and longtime donors enjoyed a beautiful afternoon prior to the annual Orange and White Game. Pictured from left are Associate AD John Currie, John and LaDonna Graves, Neil and Barbara Dobyns and Allen and Susan Vaughn.

Assistant AD Bill Myers (left) recognized Pete and Carole Kutz and Carole's mother, Rose Buppert, as the top fund drive workers for 2003. They were responsible for raising over $22,000 in new VASF donations.

Each year, a special group of such volunteers work behind the scenes, faceless to most Tennessee fans. They donate their time, money and effort to help raise money for the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund (VASF). These fans live across the state and southeast, but do not know any boundaries when it comes to supporting the Vols. We refer to them simply as our "Fund Drive Workers."

Prior to the spring game Saturday, April 12, the Athletics Department held a picnic honoring the accomplishments of the fund drive workers. Nearly 100 workers and their families, along with VASF staff members, enjoyed fun and fellowship with each other. It was a special day in Big Orange Country.

At left is Myers with "Fund Drive Rookie of the Year" Robbie Pope (right), son of former Tennessee tailback Jackie Pope.

Since 1986, many of today's volunteers have been helping the VASF grow. Through personal contacts with friends, family and prospects in their area, these workers have been a key factor behind the significant growth of the VASF. Their performance in 2003 has been no exception.

As of the March 1 deadline, VASF fund drive workers had raised $315,000 in new contributions to the program. This total represents over 50 percent of all the new money raised by the VASF in 2003. Even more significant is the fact that it is $30,000 more than the $285,000 raised by these same individuals in 2002. Overall for 2003, VASF fund drive workers have accounted for total gifts in excess of $2.4 million from approximately 1700 donors.

"I am very proud of what this group has accomplished this year," said Bill Myers, Assistant Athletics Director for Development. "With the flat economy and turbulent investment world, it has not been an easy fund-raising environment. To have surpassed their 2002 totals, in this economy, is a testament to their desire to help the Tennessee athletics program. They are a very special group."

Prizes were awarded to both teams and individuals for superlative performances during this year's fund drive. Prizes for fund drive workers included trips with the football team for the 2003 away games, special memorabilia and other special athletic gifts.

Becoming a VASF fund drive worker is easy. All it takes is a love for the Big Orange and a desire to help better the program. Currently there are workers and teams in Atlanta, Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville and the Tri-Cities. Geography should not be a limiter, though, as any VASF donor can get involved. Simply call the VASF Office at (865) 974-1218 or e-mail them at vasf@utk.edu to get more information on how you can join this truly special group of Tennessee Volunteers.

by Volunteers Magazine Staff

ORANGE SQUAD DOMINATES WHITE

Tennessee wrapped up spring practice with the annual Orange and White Game at Neyland Stadium Saturday afternoon April 12. Head coach Phillip Fulmer was pleased with the progress and the effort of the Vols during the spring.

"We have gotten every drop out of this spring we could," Fulmer said. "To their credit, our kids have responded. The disappointment of the bowl game gave us some adversity to overcome during the spring. I have really been proud of the seniors on this football team and the direction they have this team going."

The projected starters for the upcoming season comprised the Orange team. Quarterback Casey Clausen ran the Orange offense for seven possessions, which resulted in six touchdowns. James Banks also engineered two scoring drives for the Orange.

"We really put our defense in a disadvantage," Fulmer said. "Our secondary in the second unit today was basically composed of walk-ons. They had a tough time. We had a lot of offensive plays for the Orange team and that was good."

Clausen finished the day completing 16 passes in 26 attempts for 293 yards. Banks competed three passes in four attempts for 92 yards.

"I thought Casey played exceptionally well except for the one throw over the middle (that was intercepted)," Fulmer said. "He is the one that writes the check on the throw so he can't make that throw. But otherwise I thought he managed the offense well."

Mark Jones led the receiving corps and appeared to emerge as the big-play threat the Vols were searching for during spring practice. Jones caught four passes for 152 yards including two touchdowns. His first score came on a slant pattern across the middle. Jones pulled in the pass without breaking stride and outraced the defense to the south end zone. His second score came in the south end zone as well. He broke free from a defender on the left sideline and found himself wide open.

"It was good to see Mark Jones make some plays," Fulmer said. "He has made those plays most of the spring and it's been good to see. He has had a really good spring. He is going to play both ways because I don't think, to tell the truth, we can be without him on defense."

Chris Hannon also turned some heads with his touchdown reception. He took a short pass and reversed field to scamper 35 yards for the score. Gerald Riggs also electrified the crowd with 64-yard scoring run.

The Vols defense got into the scoring action as well. Jason Allen returned an interception 34 yards for touchdown and Shannon Benton returned an interception 27 yards for a score. Ovince Saint Preux rang up 10 tackles and Jason Mitchell added nine.

FOOTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES CONTINUE 'VOLS IN SCHOOLS' PROGRAM

As part of its community service efforts, the UT football office is continuing the "Vols in Schools" program for the duration of the 2002-03 school year. The program, which began in October, is an outreach project in which Tennessee football players make weekly visits to Knoxville area elementary schools.

This semester, student-athletes participating in the program are Parys Haralson, Chris Hannon, Gerald Riggs, James Banks, Ruben Mayes, Marvin Mitchell, James Wilhoit, Rob Smith, Justin Harrell, Jon Poe, Steven Jones and Jabari Davis. These players visit the same schools each week to serve as individual and group mentors, tutors and teacher's assistants.

Host schools for the program include Green Academy, Sarah Moore Greene Magnet School, Chilhowee Elementary and Bearden Elementary.

"The 'Vols in Schools' program allows our student-athletes to grow socially during their college experience," head coach Phillip Fulmer said. "Community involvement is a major part of becoming a well-rounded citizen and I can't think of any better way to involve our student-athletes in the community than through serving at local schools."

As a result of the program, teachers have noticed improved test scores and better behavior in classes hosting Tennessee football players.

"What a wonderful way to motivate our children -- having Vol football players come in to share their experiences, mentor and work with our students," said Janice Clark, magnet facilitator at Sarah Moore Greene Elementary. "[The players] provide a bright spot in the children's day when they visit."

In addition to "Vols in Schools," the UT football office has other community service projects underway. Over the next few weeks, Tennessee football players will be delivering Child Identification Kits to local schools, day cares and charities.

The kits are sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association, of which Fulmer is president. The kits provide parents with an inkless system to record their children's fingerprints. According to the FBI, having fingerprint records is extremely helpful when trying to locate a missing child.

SPRING 2003 ATHLETICS BOARD MEETING

The Men's and Women's Athletics Department budget for 2003 is expected to be $65.5 million. The men's budget will be more than $60 million but $5.7 million of that will be transferred to the Women's Athletics Department. The women's budget will be $11.4 million including the $5.7 million.

The transfer of funds from the Men's Athletics Department will increase nearly $1.4 million from 2002. The increase is due to the fact the Athletics Department will now be responsible for paying all benefits of employees of the Women's Athletics Department and for additional operating costs.

The Athletics Department continues to be a good citizen to the rest of the University in terms of financial support. The Athletics Department sponsors $1.5 million in scholarships for non-athletes and donates football and basketball tickets to the University that it in turn can use for fund-raising. The Athletics Department also assists the University in other ways financially, including donating $45,000 so the Wind Ensemble could travel to play at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Gender equity continues to improve at the University. The University is represented by 537 student-athletes with 292 of those being male and 245 female. That is a 54-to-46 percent male-female ratio. There are 141.2 scholarships available for male athletes and those are being used by 219 student-athletes. Women's athletics offers 117 scholarships which are being used by 173 student-athletes. There are 190 non-scholarship student-athletes representing the University with 98 of those being male and 92 being female. Non-scholarship athletes account for 35 percent all student-athletes.

Student-athletes continue to be competitive in the classroom as well. Student-athletes entering in the fall of 1995 showed a graduation rate of 55 percent as compared to 59 percent for all students. The four-year average, however, is 57 percent for both student-athletes and the student body as a whole.

by Volunteers Magazine Staff

2003 Athletics Board Award Winners

Freshman:

Lindsay Groves--rowing--4.0--Religious Studies; Vanessa Phillips-Bosshart--soccer--4.0--Arts & Sciences; Noelle Bassi--swimming--4.0--Exercise Science; Megan Cauble--track/cross-country--4.0--Arts & Sciences; Katie Flaute--track/cross-country--4.0--Arts & Sciences; Kris Kwinta, Tennis 4.0 Arts & Sciences; James Wilhoit, Football 4.0 Communications.

Sophomore:

Marissa Allen--rowing--4.0--Chemistry and Matthew Lapp, Track 3.70, Exercise Science.

Junior:

Christina Billings--track--4.0--Psychology and Michael Burton, Swimming 4.0, Chemistry.

Senior:

Kacey Montgomery--rowing--4.0--Microbiology and Greg Simpson, Swimming 3.92, Marketing.

Achievement Award:

Vilmarie Castellvi--tennis--Marketing and Gwen Jackson--basketball--Psychology

Most Improved - Jason Mitchell, Football.

MICHAEL RIVERA: FITTING INTO THE VOLS SYSTEM

He is listed as hailing from Miami Senior High School, but, if you take a closer look, you will find that Michael Rivera has traveled many more miles just to be in the United States. Rivera was born May 13, 1985, in Managua, Nicaragua. By our lists, he and Walter Sevilla, also from Nicaragua, have logged the most miles from their home country to The Hill.

How Rivera got here is not unlike the thousands of others who have made their way into this country.

The thing that impresses the coaches the most is that Rivera is just 17 years old and like many kids his age, he should still be in high school instead of on a college campus, let alone playing Division I baseball.

While at Miami Senior High, Rivera was named as the team's Mr. Offense as he led the team in batting for three consecutive years. In each of those years, his average continued to climb as he honed his skills at the plate.

Since his arrival at Tennessee, Rivera has been a wonderful surprise as he has added depth to the infield, which is his natural position, while getting his playing time in the outfield. He is such a good hitter that coach Rod Delmonico had to find a place for Rivera to play.

It has not been an accident, then, that Rivera hangs around the top in team batting average. He has appeared in 43 games for the Vols and he is hitting .283 with two home runs and 26 RBI.

Rivera has quick feet, and although he has only attempted to steal bases just twice this season, the opportunities are there for him to become more of an offensive threat when he gets on base. That will come in time as he learns the difference from the high school game to the college game. Again, he is just 17 and is only in his 43rd game of collegiate baseball.

In a series sweep of South Carolina, it was Rivera's single that drove in the winning run to cap the series over their Eastern Division foe. Rivera drilled the 0-1 pitch into center for the game-winning hit.

"I feel I am a lot better hitter with one or two strikes," said Rivera. "It was a curve ball outside and I just put the bat on the ball and luckily it dropped in for a hit."

He has continued to impress both coaches and fans alike with his effort and his ability. His versatility is also valuable to the Vols squad as he has seen action in right field, first base, third base and as a shortstop this season.

He has been in Knoxville for almost a year now and he is settling into his own and happy to call Knoxville home. "It is great. I love it up here in Knoxville. I haven't had a problem since I got here."

Rivera is a humble guy and is always quick to point at his teammates for their success and for the reason he signed with Tennessee. After he had signed with the Vols, the powerful Hurricanes came up with an offer, but Rivera stuck to his guns and made the move northward.

"My teammates are awesome as are the fans," said Rivera. "I just like playing ball and they have a great program at Tennessee. We are hoping to win a national championship and that is our goal. I love Tennessee; that's all I can say."

Rivera is also quick to point out that his freshman teammates are ready to do whatever is asked of them to help the team. It has been a formula that has given the Vols a chance to claim the Eastern Division crown.

"We have Josh (Alley), Kyle (Norrid), others and myself, and whatever we can do to help Coach Delmonico's team we will do it," Rivera stated. "If it is just giving water to the rest of our guys, I can tell you we will do it. We just want to win. That is our goal everyday."

As for national power Miami...

"Miami did make an offer, but I had already signed with UT. They came into the picture too late you might say. I don't regret my decision. This is a great program and it is all about winning here, so whatever I can do to help I will do it."

One of the biggest factors for his ability to adapt in Knoxville has been some of the players who have been here for a while. Rivera credits three Miami natives with helping him adjust.

"All three Miamians would be mentors. Walter (Sevilla), Javi (Herrera) and Alex (Suarez). I think if it weren't for these three guys I would be having a tough time. Javi is a great influence. I was really down in the fall and I wasn't hitting the ball well. Javi just told me, 'Hey, just stay in there and you will get your confidence back.' Javi would be the one who has had the most influence on me."

It has been a great relationship for the Vols having brought in some top-flight talent from the hotbed of South Florida. It is a lane that Coach Delmonico hopes to propel the Vols back into the collegiate elite once again.

by Donnell Field

Editor's Note: His season unfortunately came to an abrupt end after hitting the wall against LSU as he chased down a fly ball in the final game of the series. He had season-ending surgery after the team got back to Knoxville.

UT SWIMMING AND DIVING FAMILY STEPS UP

As of May 1, the University of Tennessee Athletics Development office has received more than $1.6 million in gifts to STEP UP - The Campaign for UT Athletic Facilities to match the Allan and Janie Jones Challenge Gift.

Allan and Janie Jones made their $4 million challenge gift public at midfield prior to the UT-Miami game Nov. 9. Since that day, Vols fans have been stepping up to meet the Jones family challenge and help ensure the success of the Capital Campaign.

Most recently, a group of over 50 former swimmers, divers, parents and friends of the program have stepped forward to contribute more than $450,000 to the cost of the Jones Center. This group was led by former Vols swimmers and divers, Bart Graham ('80-'83), Don Bosch ('82), Julie Freidus ('92-'95), Steve Gilliam ('68-'70, '72) and Henry Green ('71-'73).

"The University of Tennessee has a great tradition in swimming and diving," head coach John Trembley said. "The Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center is an integral part of helping us maintain that tradition. Allan has stepped forward with his challenge and the Tennessee swim family is, likewise, rising to the occasion."

The Tennessee swimming and diving tradition boasts a national championship, 10 SEC titles, 15 individual national champions, more than 315 male and female All-Americas, 10 Olympic medalists, seven of whom won gold. Four former UT swimmers hold Olympic and world records.

UT's primary competitors, Florida, Auburn and Georgia, have recently completed new swimming facilities that have made the existing Student Aquatic Center on campus a major deterrent in recruiting. Now, with the state-of-the-art Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatics Center, the UT swimming and diving program will have a championship facility to match the program's successes.

The Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center is part of STEP UP, a comprehensive program for new, renovated and expanded facilities benefiting 17 of UT's 20 men and women's intercollegiate teams. These improvements are designed to enable UT to continue competing for SEC and NCAA championships in each of its sports.

Whether you're a former swimmer or not, you can be a part of helping make UT's new swimming and diving facility a reality. For more information about Tennessee's athletics facility renovation plans or to find out about donating to the University's Athletics Department, contact Scott Rabenold or John Currie at (865) 974-1218. T

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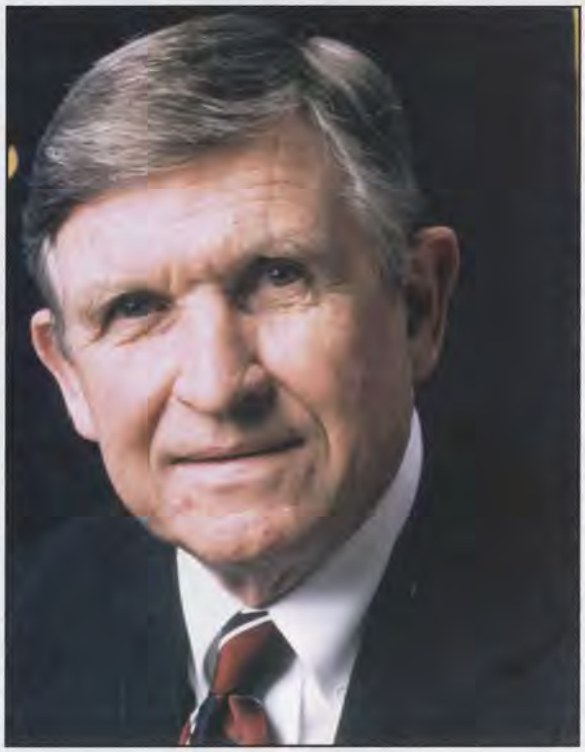
COACH MAJORS NAMED NEYLAND AWARD WINNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Tennessee head football coach Johnny Majors was in town April 11-12 to receiver the 2003 Robert R. Neyland Memorial Trophy from the Knoxville Quarterback Club. Here are his remarks in response to receiving the Award April 12 at the Awards Luncheon of the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

When I was growing up in Lynchburg and Huntland, Tennessee, in the 1940s and early 1950s, Knoxville was a long way away. This was before the interstate highway system came into being. My brothers Joe and Bill and I were great West Point (or Army) football lovers, not only because the United States was involved with World War II and we were involved on the home front with scrap iron and scrap paper drives, rationing of gas, sugar, rubber and shoes.

We mainly loved Army football because they were a great team in 1944, 1945 and 1946, led by the immortal Doc Blanchard and Glen Davis, two consecutive Heisman Trophy winners. They were the winningest team in America. They didn't lose a game in three consecutive years. We listened to every game on the Mutual Broadcasting System, which carried even deep into the hills of lower Middle Tennessee.

We knew every player on the team and all the scores of each game. We had no idea that General Robert R. Neyland, who was serving in the India, China, and Burma Theatre during the war, had attended and graduated West Point as a great scholar and outstanding all-around athlete. In fact, we had no idea who he was because we were too young and Calcutta, India, was a long way from Lynchburg - and it still is.



After listening to the games on radio, my brothers Joe and Bill and I, with three or four buddies, would proceed to the "fields of friendly strife" in Moore County and play football or war games. As the oldest brother, I was always Army, and either Blanchard or Davis. My brothers and their buddies would be Columbia, Navy or some other unfortunate team to be decimated and pounded by the Black Knights of the Hudson. In war games, I was America vs. my younger brothers and buddies who were the Japanese or the Nazis. This always worked until by brother Joe or Bill would say, "I'm not going to play unless I can be America or Army."

After some unsuccessful negotiations on my part, I would relent and they would be the "good guys" and I would be the "bad guys," which I hated. But anything for a game! We also listened to the Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Alabama games. But I grew up wanting to be a West Point football player, a St. Louis Cardinals baseball player, and a Kentucky basketball player and I knew I was going to college.

The first Neyland team I remember was the 1946 team that won the Southeastern Conference championship and played in the Orange Bowl. General Neyland's great teams of 1950, '51 and '52, that went 29-4-1, made an impact on Tennessee supporters everywhere, particularly a 150-pound single-wing tailback from Huntland whose teams were 30-1 during the same period of time, although against slightly different competition, like Lynchburg, Lynnville, Chapel Hill, Cornersville and Petersburg - those powerhouses.

After receiving letters and scholarship offers, I narrowed my choices to Tennessee and Auburn, and visited both schools twice my senior year. I had a great desire to play major college football, but I had considerable doubts I could, even though I had scored many touchdowns as a high school tailback. I couldn't see that happening in college, but I was going to accept a scholarship to Auburn or Tennessee anyway, figuring I could transfer to a smaller school in case it didn't work out. Tennessee was big, had a 50,000-seat stadium and a bigger town. Auburn was smaller - a 25,000-seat stadium and a small village - but it had two movie houses and a couple of pool halls. We only had one pool hall and no movie house and no stoplight in Huntland. And it still doesn't have a stoplight.

My final recruiting visit to Tennessee was to see the Kentucky game in Knoxville in November 1952. There was a huge snowstorm the night before in East Tennessee and I was concerned about getting to Knoxville. My father and I caught a Greyhound bus before daylight on highway 64 a mile from Huntland. After a five- or six-hour bus ride, we were dropped off at Ellis & Ernest Drug Store, two blocks from the stadium. We heard the roar of the crowd and missed Tennessee's first play from scrimmage, a 66-yard touchdown run by Ray Byrd. The game ended in a tie and, the next morning, Coach Farmer Johnson introduced my father and me to the General, a very imposing figure, for the first time.

After a brief conversation, my father and I returned home in the bus. The General had asked me how much I weighed and, before I could say, "150 pounds, sir," Farmer Johnson said, "165 pounds, General." Fortunately, that would not be my final meeting or association with the General. Along with more than 100 high school seniors, I signed with Tennessee in early December 1952.

It was disappointing to learn a few days later that General

Neyland was stepping down as head football coach, but would remain as Athletics Director. Our teams were coached by two of the General's former players, Harvey Robinson in 1953 and 1954 and Bowden Wyatt in 1955 and 1956. Coach Robinson was a wonderful man and a smart football coach. Under Robinson as a freshman, one afternoon I heard the General ask about me in our first scrimmage against the varsity. I had great trepidation about surviving this outing with a sound body and I certainly had no false optimism that I would break away from any tacklers.

I was the "T-Team" quarterback running Mississippi State plays, the varsity's first opponent in 1953. We all got knocked around pretty good that day and I was hit mighty hard several times. But I made a run for 8 yards, and two tacklers missed me, and later made a 15-yard run and three or four other tacklers missed.

The General was sitting about 15 rows up in the stadium with his khaki shorts on and stopwatch in hand and yelled, "Who is No. 15?" Whereupon Farmer Johnson yelled back, "That's Majors, General."

Following the scrimmage I hastily went to the corner drugstore and called home, collect, and said to my father, "Daddy, they miss tackles in college just like they did in high school and the General asked who I was." For a 144-pound insecure freshman whose main objective was to maintain a "C" average to stay on scholarship, never thinking I could play at Tennessee, I had survived to live another day.

Bowden Wyatt, a dynamic head coach, succeeded Coach Robinson, and in 1955 and 1956 we achieved excellence in football. I don't recall General Neyland addressing me by name, except on rare occasions and just nodding his head on others. One time, though, after the 1955 Georgia Tech game in which I had played 60 minutes here in Knoxville, he put me on the scale in the locker room to see that I weighed 149 pounds. "Ha," he said. "I never did believe Farmer Johnson." He had listed me at 165 pounds in the game program.

A few comments he made to the media regarding my play during the 1956 season certainly enhanced my recognition. I do remember General Neyland addressing me following the 1956 season. After going undefeated and finishing No. 2 in the nation, we lost the Sugar Bowl 13-7 to Baylor. It was the most disappointing loss in my collegiate career and even though I had scored our only touchdown I made a crucial fumble on our 13-yard line in the fourth quarter. Baylor scored and recovered a few plays later.

A week later, I went by the coaches' offices and saw they were in the conference room watching the Sugar Bowl film. I stood in the door and didn't want to interrupt anybody. Baylor had opened some big holes in the first quarter and as the safetyman I managed to flag down the ball carrier four or five times. While standing in the doorway, I heard the General say, "Without him we would have been out of the game in the first quarter." At that time, he turned around and saw me standing in the doorway and said, "If I had known you were standing there, I wouldn't have said that."

During my senior year, Coach Wyatt told me that he would have a job for me at Tennessee if I wanted to coach. I joined the staff as a student coach in 1957 and became a full-time freshman assistant coach at $3000 a year in January 1958. I had always had jobs as a kid and in high school and college - setting tobacco, mowing lawns, doing chores, just anything to make a few bucks. They were all physical jobs where people told me what to do. I had never worked in an organization like the coaching staff. I attended staff meetings and did what the coaches told me to do and had fun coaching the freshmen at practice.

I was single at the time, had a new car and I would normally take two breaks a day, an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon to visit my buddies and coeds at the student center. After three or four weeks of this very rigorous schedule, one day I returned from the student center to my small cubicle and there was a note on a small card in Coach Wyatt's handwriting - "Johnny, congratulations on your work. OVER. When are you going to start?!" I immediately learned to thread a film projector and established my own recruiting areas, New Hampshire and places like that, and I limited my student center visits.

When the General was in town, he would normally sit in our staff meeting sometimes for 15 or 20 minutes, or maybe an hour. And he always attended practice, sitting on the sidelines with his stopwatch in hand to time the kickers and passers. Coach Wyatt, John Bailey, Ralph Chancey, George Cafego, and Ken Donahue, all staff members, had played for General Neyland and respected him greatly.

The General was chairman of the NCAA Rules Committee and would send out a memo on occasion about the significance of a rule change or a new trend with advice on how to prepare for it or use it to our advantage. On many occasions, I would go back to the General's office to ask him questions about his philosophy, teaching, coaching theories and strategy. He seemed to appreciate my interest and, unless he was very busy, he always made time to answer my questions. I treasure this valuable time and experience.

An example: The first rule of life is "Don't Kid Yourself!" He preached readiness: "Almost all games are lost by the losers, not won by the winners." Football was controlled by maxims. His plans were to minimize our own mistakes and magnify the effects of the opponents' mistakes. Always keep a stopwatch to time the kickers and passers. Press the kicking game, for here is where the breaks are made. Bowden Wyatt, my head coach my last years at Tennessee, would tell me before every game how to call the plays: "Johnny, if you can't think of anything else to call, just kick the dadblamed ball." The quick kick was always in my playbook.

The last time I saw General Neyland was in the fall of 1961 in Memphis. He and Gus Manning were sharing a suite at the Chisca Hotel and I went by their room to pick up a film for Mississippi State, where I was coaching at the time. It was about 10 o'clock in the evening when I knocked on the door and Gus was there with film in hand. As I said, "Thanks." Before I could leave, Gus said, "The General wants to see you." I shook hands with the General, visited a few minutes - I never wanted to take too much of his time - and, as I walked to the door to leave, the General said to me, "Johnny, you're going to be a great coach." Those were such kind and encouraging words for a 26-year old assistant coach.

In closing, I'd like to say I'm a very fortunate person and a very lucky man, for having been born into a family who gave me unconditional love and support, for having married a beautiful, smart and supportive wife, Mary Lynn, and for having the support of my children and grandkids.

I have had the experience playing for my father in high school, and the outstanding coaches in college I have already mentioned (two of whose wives are here today, Florence Bailey and Lennis Chancey). No coach wins without great players, outstanding assistant coaches and a strong support staff, which I had.

And finally, who could be so lucky as I, on the road to becoming a head coach, to have had the opportunity to work and play not only under General Robert Reese Neyland, but also John Barnhill, Harvey Robinson and Bowden Wyatt and to have held the position of head football coach for 16 years at the University of Tennessee, the same position each of them held. All of them observed General Neyland's game maxims as many coaches do today. Each of these men were ingrained with a sense of loyalty, integrity and responsibility and I am deeply indebted to them and I am certainly honored to be a member of this Neyland football family tree.

To Bob Neyland, Jr., and Lewis Neyland, thank you for being great friends and for this special award named for your father. And thank you to the East Tennessee Chapter of the College Football Hall of Fame and the Knoxville Quarterback Club for inviting Mary Lynn and me back to Knoxville and the University of Tennessee for this great honor that I will always treasure forever. T

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The Marketing Department hosted the Annual Jr. Vols Day prior to the Orange and White Spring Game Saturday, April 12. Over 300 Jr. Vols and members of their families enjoyed a catered lunch by Shoney's, the club's presenting sponsor. The group then toured the football locker room and met with Jason Respert, UT offensive guard. The Jr. Vols had some great questions for Jason about the upcoming 2003 Football season. Jason told the group how he became involved in football and why he chose to play at Tennessee. Following the meeting with Jason, the group joined the Vols on the field for Fan Day.

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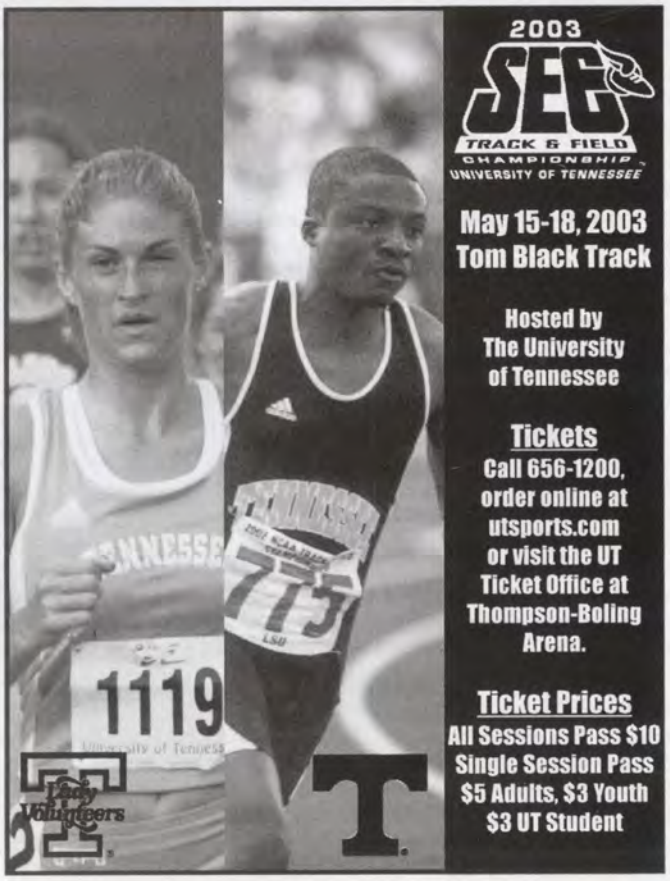

OVER A DECADE OF HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT: EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

A recurring theme is displayed throughout Neyland Stadium, Thompson-Boling Arena, and Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Sponsored by Eastman Chemical Company, the "Good Sports Always Recycle" program encourages Tennessee fans to recycle plastic cups and bottles both at the game and in their homes.

In its tenth year as a Tennessee Corporate Partner, the Tennessee Operations Division of the Eastman Chemical Company, located in Kingsport, is one of the largest chemical manufacturing sites in North America. A "Responsible Care" company, Eastman manufactures hundreds of chemicals, fibers, and plastics. Eastman strives to continually improve health, safety and environmental performance.

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"Our long-time relationship with the Eastman Chemical Company continues to gain momentum each year. The program is a household name and a great source of pride," said Steve Early, General Sales Manager for the Vol Network. "It is rare in today's world of sports marketing to find a partner who is willing to make such a defined contribution to your on-site game experience."

Tennessee Baseball fans know first hand that "Good Sports Always Recycle." At each game, two children are selected to participate in the Eastman Chemical/Coca-Cola Bat Race promotion. After spinning around a bat ten times, the contestants race to second base. The first to pitch their plastic bottle in the recycling bin wins a prize pack from Eastman Chemical and Coca-Cola. The hands-on promotion serves as an educational experience while providing entertainment for baseball fans.

"A limited number of major sports teams have taken on the challenge of a recycling program, none the magnitude of what is executed at Tennessee. Those who do pursue such a worthwhile cause almost always emulate the model in place at Tennessee," said Early. "Our efforts at Neyland Stadium, Thompson-Boling Arena, and Lindsey Nelson Stadium are the standard for other venues. Tennessee fans play a key role in the program and should be proud of the recognition it brings to our state."

"Eastman is pleased to partner with UT, Knoxville Coca-Cola Bottling and Kroger to sponsor the 'Good Sports Always Recycle' program," said Larry Snider, Director of Global Marketing Communications at Eastman. "We've enjoyed a strong relationship with the University of Tennessee for most of the 83 years that we've operated in Tennessee. All the partners are proud of the 'Good Sports Always Recycle' program because of its enhancement of UT sports events as well as the recycling education and encouragement directed at Tennesseans."

The next time you are at a Tennessee venue, listen for the announcement that says, "Good Sports Always Recycle," and help the Volunteers and Eastman Chemical in their quest to help the environment. The University of Tennessee Athletic Department recognizes the Eastman Chemical Company for their involvement and generous support of Tennessee Athletics. T

LADY VOLS BID FOR SEVEN FALLS SHORT IN ATLANTA

Tennessee's bid for a seventh national title fell short to a rival set to make their mark on the women's game as the Lady Huskies of Connecticut topped the Lady Vols 73-68 in the championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The 2003 semi-finals and finals single game attendance was 28,210. That is the second most attended Final Four in history. It was a mark that was set last year in San Antonio at the Alamo Dome.

The game had the makings of a classic battle as two coaches who have reached their own coaching milestones during the 2002-03 season went head-to-head for another national crown. Again, much to the dismay of many Orange and White fans, Geno Auriemma and his squad claimed another title and prevented Pat Summitt from reaching her seventh title. This is just the fifth UT senior class since 1982 that has failed to win an NCAA national championship.

The two have met three times in the finals and all three times the Huskies have come away with the win. This one was more hotly contested than the previous two meetings, and although the Huskies led throughout the game, the outcome was not finally decided until a missed free throw gave the ball back to the Huskies to run out the clock clinging to that five-point lead. The Lady Vols and Huskies have claimed seven of the last nine national titles, with UConn holding a 4-3 edge.

Tennessee's strength throughout the NCAA Tournament had been its defense and rebounding. It was their defense and poor shooting that doomed their fate. Despite a staggering difference in offensive rebounds, where the Lady Vols held a 19-10 edge, it was the 13 points off of those rebounds that was the difference. The Lady Vols' had a plus-18 rebounding margin over Connecticut, ranking third all-time in a championship game.

But too many 3-point shots (10 to be precise) found their mark to keep the Lady Vols at bay, and the play of junior guard Diana Taurasi, who finished the game with 28 points hitting key jumpers to give her team momentum and confidence.

From the opening tip and into the first minute there was just this feel that it was not going to be their night. Too many missed open shots and too many early turnovers gave a youthful Husky squad the confidence they needed to surge ahead.

The game's outcome doesn't diminish all that was accomplished this season however. This team swept through the Mideast Region with much ease, as the average margin of victory was 33 points. The Lady Vols also have registered at least 33 wins now six different times. For Coach Summitt, she entered an elite group of coaches as she notched her 800th win against DePaul earlier this season.

It was also the last game for Associate Head Coach Mickie DeMoss to serve as an assistant as she now will move on to Lexington, Ky., to take on her new duties as head coach. Coach DeMoss has roamed the Tennessee sideline for 18 seasons and has been instrumental in bringing some of the nations top talent to East Tennessee.

On an individual level, after being named the Mideast Regional's MOP, forward Gwen Jackson was also named to the Final Four All-Tournament team along with her friend and teammate Kara Lawson. Jackson ends her career with 1,508 points and 786 rebounds. Lawson ends her career with 1,950 points, 621 rebounds and 456 assists (fifth all-time); and UT's all-time leader in 3-pointers made (258) and 3-pointers attempted (617); and second for 3-point field goal percentage (41.8%).

Lawson was disappointed after the loss but she also knows how far this team came during the season and how much they learned from each other.

"I mean being at the Final Four three times out of your career, you know, it's tough not to come home with a championship," said Lawson. "Both Gwen and I came to Tennessee to win one and that's hard, but you know we came a long way this year, I don't think a lot of people really expected us to be in the national championship after losing some of the games that we did. There is a bright future for the

program. I'm just excited and feel blessed I have been a part of it because it's a great staff and great teammates."

Coach Summitt summed up her thoughts after the game.

"Obviously our basketball team and staff and I'm sure all of the great fans that were here to support us tonight are extremely disappointed," said Coach Summitt. "It was obviously a very intense competitive, hard-fought game. I thought our basketball team controlled the boards for the most part and we knew that would be extremely important to the outcome. Unfortunately we couldn't make the shots that they made. They made a lot of 3's. We didn't extend our defense at times and we lost people out of the zone. We gave them too many 3's.

"I thought Ann Strother played a great game. She was the one player that obviously upped her play. While we only had 11 turnovers I thought the they were very costly and obviously; we couldn't seem to get any breaks, we kept fighting and competing and these two young ladies, Gwen and Kara, I want them to know how much I appreciate them and our Tennessee program appreciates them. They have become like two of my daughters. I hurt for them. I love Gwen and Kara and I know they are going to do great things after they leave here. They have been awesome and role models for our program."

Next year, new faces will emerge from the shadows and again the race for the seventh title will begin as the "Road to New Orleans" will tip off in October. As the Lady Vols see the departure of Jackson and Lawson, they also see the remaining talents of Shyra Ely, who made huge strides during the tournament, as did Brittany Jackson and Ashley Robinson. Others will emerge. Tasha Butts may be the next to elevate her game, as may Shana Zolman or Courtney McDaniel, who also showed consistent improvement during the season.

"Well, I don't think there is that much difference quite honestly in the two programs,"said Coach Summitt. "Obviously tonight they were the better team for 40 minutes. I'm not going to be making a lot of changes. The only thing that I can tell you is that we are going to continue to compete for the national championships if I have anything to do with it and our staff has anything to do with it. We are going to continue to work hard in recruiting because that's how you win. You have to have great talent. They obviously won this game tonight and they deserved it and that doesn't mean that Tennessee is not a premiere basketball program, or a team of the past."

Whatever evolves next season begins now as players refocus on next year. They will take a while to get over the sting of this loss, but it won't last long and their new quest will begin.

by Donnell Field

Kara Lawson (left) reacts to a play in the Mideast Regional Championship Game against Villanova. Shyra Ely (below) and Loree Moore fight to contain a loose ball after a missed Penn State shot.

IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY WITH VIOLETA RETAMOZA

Music floats through the streets. Art exhibits surround the various walkways. There are concerts, plays, rodeos, pageants, and bullfights. This is the highlight of spring in Aguascalientes, Mexico, when the San Marcos National Fair floods the city with entertainment the final weeks of April and on into the beginning of May. The sounds of the music, the smell of the food, and the sights of the people – it's the original beauty of Mexico. And it's home to Violeta Retamoza.

When Retamoza arrived in Knoxville last fall for her freshman year of golf at Tennessee, she knew immediately she was in a different environment. English was the language of choice, as opposed to her native Spanish-speaking culture. And the language barrier was somewhat of a challenge for the young newcomer. "I didn't talk in English at all," Retamoza says, looking back on almost a full year of college in the United States. "So it was hard in the beginning because I really didn't express myself and I didn't want to talk to anyone."

"We knew she would be a good player, but this is not the same level that she played at in junior golf. She was a good junior player, but you wouldn't have expected her to possibly be the SEC Player of the Year or first-team All-America based on her performance."

Head Coach Judi Pavon

Retamoza had been used to being around Spanish-speaking folks all her life. Her friends were Mexican and that's all she had known. She spent her senior year at Hamilton High School in Chandler, Ariz., while living with family friends. But her atmosphere never changed. "I lived with a family and they spoke Spanish," she says with a smile. "It was not a huge difference because I was always talking in Spanish, always eating Mexican food, and just hanging around the same environment."

While playing golf in Arizona, Retamoza was named Arizona Player of the Year and won the state championship. After weighing her options, which included some of the top golf schools in the nation, Retamoza settled on moving to East Tennessee and becoming a Lady Volunteer.

But the change in her surroundings was amazing. "She did have a hard time adjusting at the beginning," Lady Vols coach Judi Pavon says, "mainly from just being away from home and being homesick." Still, only time kept Retamoza from developing a comfort with her Knoxville home.

The weekend of Sept. 13-15 didn't hurt either. Retamoza entered the Lady Kat Invitational in Kentucky as an unattached player. After an opening-day round of 70, followed by a second round of 74, Retamoza was in the lead. And on the third day, the rains came, halting play and eventually canceling the tournament's final round with Tennessee claiming the team title. But an unattached Lady Vols player turned some heads too, as Retamoza won the individual crown in her first collegiate tournament. "My goal was to surprise people," she says. "I wanted to let them know that I was good enough."

The surprise effect quickly diminished when she joined the Mexican National Team in the 2002 World Amateur Team Championships Oct. 16-19 near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Competing against teams and golfers from all over the world, Retamoza was right at home after the taking the individual lead during the third day of competition thanks to a 4-under round of 69. She wound up tied for 13th with a four-day total of 294, just six shots behind the leader. Her team placed 17th overall.

Once she got back to Tennessee, it was the same old story. At the Auburn Tiger Derby Nov. 1-3, a third-round score of 67 and a playoff hole propelled Retamoza to her second individual crown with a three-round total of 211. The freshman and her teammates again swept the individual and team titles, making Retamoza the first Tennessee player to earn two medallist honors in a single season.

Violeta works on her game at the UT Practice Range as the Lady Vols prepare for the NCAA Regional Tournament.

"We didn't really expect it at all," Pavon says of Retamoza's quick success. "We knew she would be a good player, but this is not the same level that she played at in junior golf. She was a good junior player, but you wouldn't have expected her to possibly be the SEC Player of the Year or first-team All-America based on her performance."

Retamoza was named SEC Freshman of the Year and earned first-team All-SEC. Including the SEC Championships, where she finished second with a one-over 217, Retamoza has six top-10 finishes and she leads the team in stroke average at 74.00. Included in that stroke average is her 71.20 average in the third round of tournaments. The 67 she shot at Auburn tied teammate Mary Jan Fernandez for the lowest round by any Lady Vol. It just happened to be on the final day. "It's something that I cannot always explain," she says. "You just have to finish the tournament feeling good. I don't like to leave a tournament feeling that I didn't play my best."

"Some players are afraid of winning so the last day is their worst day," Pavon says. "She's just the opposite." But a key improvement Pavon says the freshman leader needs to work on is being consistent on days she can't win – her bad days. "In her mind it's bad, but the team needs her."

Needless to say, the success Retamoza has had in the months since moving to Knoxville makes things easier. But she's gotten along quite well anyway. "I think even when she was having a hard time adjusting, she felt pretty comfortable here," Pavon says. "Or at least she knew everybody cared about her and she just played so well."

She's not afraid to talk in English now. And she's not worried about opening up to her teammates and coach. But family has always been a big part of Retamoza's life. In her diary that appeared on utladyvols.com, she closed by sending a blessing to those far away from her – namely her parents, Violeta and Carlos, and her brothers, Hector and Carlos. Retamoza considers it a blessing now that she has found comfort in her Knoxville family, too.

"Coach is my family here and my teammates are my sisters," she says. "It's hard to think that I am so far away from my family and my last life. Here, Judi has been an awesome part of my life right now. And my teammates, they have been great. Just to know that I have people I love, and they love me, it's great." T

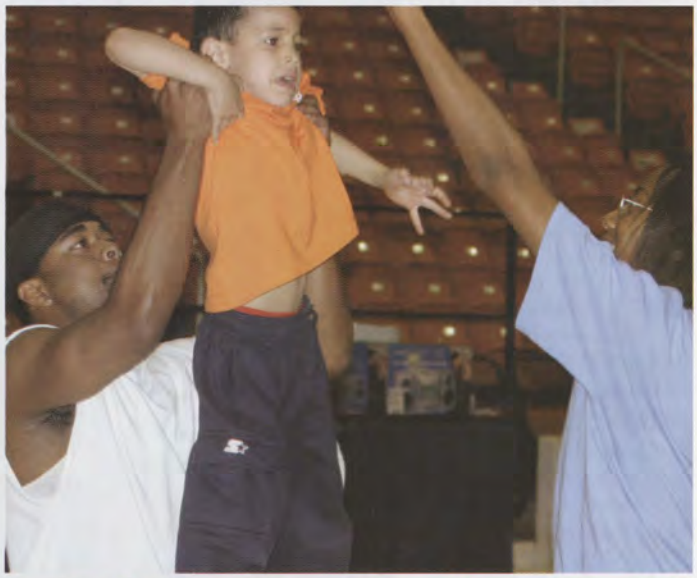
by Josh Pate

"APRIL PLAY DAY" HOSTS LOCAL YOUTH AT ARENA

TeamVOLS, the volunteer organization for the University of Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee Athletics Departments partnered together to host April Play Day 2003. This year eight Knoxville Boys and Girls Clubs brought nearly 400 children to Thompson-Boling Arena.

April Play Day is an opportunity for the University of Tennessee community to reach out to local Knoxville youth. The main goal of April Play Day is to instill in children the desire to work hard toward a college education, and that in addition to being challenging, school can be fun. We are eager for the children to familiarize themselves with our campus and the idea that going to college is important to their future.

The Knoxville area Boys and Girls Club children joined university students and student-athlete volunteers for an afternoon of fun with food and games, such as an obstacle course, inflatable slides, basketball and many more. In addition to these activities, the children also heard from some of UT's most popular athletes, watched performances from dance and step teams, and received door prizes donated by Knoxville businesses.



It is our hope that the children leave campus excited about attending college in the future after having enjoyed an amazing afternoon with UT students and student-athletes.

This year's participating Boys and Girls Clubs were Caswell, Christenberry Heights, Halls/Powell, Montgomery Village, Vestal, Walter P. Taylor, Western Heights and Laura Cansler.

LAWSON NAMED 2003 TORCHBEARER

For every low, there's a corresponding high. On Tuesday, April 8, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols lost to Connecticut in the national championship game. A night later, Lady Vol guard Kara Lawson was named a Torchbearer at the annual Provost's Honors Banquet, one of seven UT students so honored. She was nominated by Dr. Ruth Darling from the Thornton Center with recommendation letters from Pat Summitt and Dan Wormsley, head of UT's Finance Department, Summitt's being the only one she had written for a Torchbearer applicant in 29 years.

The Torchbearer is the highest honor the University can give a student. For the year 2003, seven outstanding individuals are recognized as Torchbearers for their academic achievement and service. Recognition as a Torchbearer reminds all students that those who bear the Torch of Enlightenment shadow themselves to give light to others. Each new Torchbearer receives a special medal that recognizes their selection.

Here's what was said about Kara in her introduction, when her award was announced, interestingly the last of the seven:

Kara Lawson, a finance major from Alexandria, Virginia, has earned major distinctions both on and off the basketball court. As president of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee, she has fostered the interests of student athletes. She has been named to the Verizon District IV Academic All-American Team and to the Academic All-SEC Team of the Southeastern Conference. Her community volunteer work includes many hours spent in Knoxville classrooms, talking to young people about the importance of education. As a Tennessee Lady Vol, Kara ranks as the best 3-point shooter in the history of the program.

"It's the biggest honor I've ever won," Kara said. "I knew I was nominated back in February or March. My mom has it at home. I think there's a medal I wear at graduation."

There was an interesting twist to the whole ceremony, Kara said. "Dr. Crabtree lit our candle and we sang the alma mater." Nothing out of the way there, but... "I know all three verses," she said. "I thought I should know them all, so I learned them all."

(Let's see now. Here it is, for the purists. *"On a Hallowed hill in Tennessee, Like Beacon shining bright, The stately walls of old U.T., Rise glorious to the sight."*

CHORUS: "So here's to you old Tennessee, Our Alma Mater true, We pledge in love and harmony, Our loyalty to you.

"What torches kindled at that flame, Have passed from hand to hand, What hearts cemented in that name, Bind land to stranger land.

"O, ever as we strive to rise, On life's unresting stream, Dear Alma Mater, may our eyes, Be lifted to that gleam.")

That's a cogent example of the Lawson persona at work. You see much of the same intensity she brings to court when she talks to you in person. The mind is always working and she carefully considers her answers, the way a good interviewee does.

"I've always wanted to make a difference in whatever I do," Kara said, "to make a difference in kids lives and the lives of student-athletes.

"You can look at this award from a lot of different angles. I really didn't realize how big a deal it was."

There was one other interesting sidenote to Kara's night in the spotlight. R. B. Summitt, Pat's husband, had been likewise honored exactly 30 years ago.

"Being a Torchbearer says a lot about the college experience," Kara said, "because you're getting recognition from the people you're with. You're getting recognized for being a student. That's what I'll take from it. There's a lot more to it than basketball. A goal I had coming in was to leave a mark here. The award is from people who know my community service and my academics.

"It's great because of the professors who worked with me. That's a credit to Tennessee, my teammates and coaches and everybody here."

Previous student-athletes who have been named Torchbearers include Bobby Dodd, Buddy Hackman, Paul Hug and Gene McEver (1931), Oscar Merton Derryberry (1932). Harry Anderson (1936), Dewitt Weaver (1937), Byrl Logan, Bob Woodruff (1939), Sam Bartholomew (1940), Frank Thomas (1941), Charles Rader (1957), Wayne Coleman (1963), Bob Johnson (1968), Steve Gill (1979) and Catherine Anne Byrne (1992).

by Tom Mattingly

BASEBALL (27-21, 10-14 SEC)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Feb.			
7	Morehead St	Knoxville	W 13-0
8	Morehead St	Knoxville	W 8-2
9	Morehead St	Knoxville	W 16-3
14	The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	W 9-4
15	James Madison	Charleston, S.C.	W 11-6
16	Old Dominion	Charleston, S.C.	W 5-4
23	Bowling Green	Knoxville	W 8-2
23	Bowling Green	Knoxville	W 5-2
Mar.			
1	West Virginia	Knoxville	L 1-3
2	West Virginia	Knoxville	W 13-3
4	Louisville	Knoxville	W 18-2
5	Louisville	Knoxville	L 1-6
7	Miami (Fla.)	Knoxville	L 3-5
8	Miami (Fla.)	Knoxville	L 4-8
9	Miami (Fla.)	Knoxville	L 4-10
13	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	L 2-3
14	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	W 9-6
15	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	L 2-3
19	Purdue	Knoxville	L 5-6
21	South Carolina	Knoxville	W 3-0
22	South Carolina	Knoxville	W 4-2
23	South Carolina	Knoxville	W 10-6
26	Tennessee Tech	Knoxville	W 6-5
28	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 3-5
29	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 1-5
30	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 5-7
Apr.			
1	Wofford	Knoxville	W 4-0
2	East Tennessee State	Knoxville	W 11-3
4	Ole Miss	Knoxville	W 7-2
5	Ole Miss	Knoxville	L 3-6
6	Ole Miss	Knoxville	L 8-9
11	*Georgia	Knoxville	W 12-9
12	*Georgia	Knoxville	W 16-3
13	*Georgia	Knoxville	L 6-8
15	East Tennessee State	Johnson City	W 8-6
16	UNC Asheville	Knoxville	W 3-1
18	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	L 0-1
19	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	L 1-4
20	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	W 9-8
21	Tennessee Wesleyan*	Knoxville	W 3-2
22	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville	L 1-2
25	*LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 4-17
26	*LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 6-10
27	*LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 4-15
29	UNC Asheville (McCormick Field)	Asheville, N.C.	W 14-8
30	Tennessee Smokies (Exb.)	Sevierville	L 6-8
May			
2	*Alabama	Knoxville	L 2-6
3	*Alabama	Knoxville	W 10-3
4	*Alabama	Knoxville	W 7-4
7	Belmont	Knoxville	
9	*Arkansas	Knoxville	
10	*Arkansas	Knoxville	
11	*Arkansas	Knoxville	
16	*Vanderbilt	Nashville	
17	*Vanderbilt	Nashville	
18	*Vanderbilt	Nashville	
21-25	SEC Tournament	Birmingham, Ala.	
30-6/1	NCAA Regionals (64 teams)	TBA	
June			
6-9	NCAA Super Regionals (16 teams)		TBA
13-23	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.	

* - Game rescheduled from April 9

SOFTBALL (43-23, 14-15 SEC)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Jan.			
31-Feb 1	California Invitational (Berkeley, Calif.)		
	San Jose State		L 1-3
	California		L 4-8
	San Jose State		W 5-3
	California		L 1-11
Feb.			
7-9	Central Florida Triple Crown Inv. (Jacksonville, Fla.)		
7	UMKC		L 1-5
7	Stetson		W 2-1
8	Jacksonville		W 10-2
8	Jacksonville	Pool Final (3rd Place)	W 6-1
9	Rain Cancels Final Day of Competition		
14-15	Belmont U. Round Robin (Nashville)		CAN-CELED RAIN
21-23	UNLV Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)		
19	Appalachian State (Gm 1)	Knoxville	W 3-0
19	Appalachian State (Gm 2)	Knoxville	W 7-0
21	UL-Monroe		W 5-3
21	UNLV		W 3-0
22	Syracuse		L 0-3
22	UL-Monroe		W 3-2
23	Syracuse (Championship Game		W 4-2
26	East Tenn. St. (DH)	Knoxville	PPD
28- Mar. 2	Panther Invitational (Miami, Fla.)		
28	Buffalo		L 2-8
28	Florida International		W 3-2
Mar.			
1	Furman		W 12-5
1	Florida A&M		W 8-1
2	Furman	Panther Invitational Playoff	W 5-0
5	Belmont (Gm 1)	Knoxville	W 11-3
5	Belmont (Gm 2)	Knoxville	W 14-0
8	LSU (Gm 1)	Baton Rouge, La.	L 0-4
8	LSU (Gm 2)	Baton Rouge, La.	W 3-2
9	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 1-6
11	Lipscomb (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 11-0
11	Lipscomb (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 3-0
15	Alabama (Gm1)	Knoxville	L 1-9
15	Alabama (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 2-1
16	Alabama	Knoxville	L 0-8
17	Appalachian State (DH)	Knoxville	PPD
20	Princeton (Gm1)	Knoxville	L 0-6
20	Princeton (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 11-5
22	Mississippi State (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 8-0
22	Mississippi State (Gm2)	Knoxville	L 7-11
23	Mississippi State	Knoxville	W 16-2
26	Austin Peay (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 7-3
26	Austin Peay (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 4-0
	FIRST TENNESSEE CLASSIC		
	Knoxville, Tennessee (March 28-29)		
28	Liberty	Knoxville	W 3-1
28	Western Kentucky	Knoxville	W 8-0
29	Liberty	Knoxville	W 2-1
29	Liberty	Knoxville	W 9-1
Apr.			
1	South Carolina (Gm1)	Columbia, S.C.	L 1-9
1	South Carolina (Gm2)	Columbia, S.C.	W 2-1
2	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	W 1-0
5	Arkansas (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 1-0
5	Arkansas (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 9-2
6	Arkansas	Knoxville	W 2-0
8	Kentucky (Gm1)	Knoxville	Canceled Rain
8	Kentucky (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 8-0
9	Kentucky	Knoxville	W 6-4
12	Auburn (Gm1)	Auburn, Ala.	W 2-0
12	Auburn (Gm2)	Auburn, Ala.	L 0-1
13	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	L 1-4
19	Florida (Gm1)	Gainesville, Fla.	L 0-1
19	Florida (Gm2)	Gainesville, Fla.	L 0-2
20	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 0-1
23	State-Line Classic - Virginia Tech	Bristol, Tenn.	L 0-1
26	Georgia (Gm1)	Knoxville	L 2-6
26	Georgia (Gm2)	Knoxville	L 3-4
27	Georgia	Knoxville	L 3-12
29	Lipscomb Univ. (Gm1)	Nashville	W 5-0
29	Lipscomb Univ. (Gm 2)	Nashville	W 6-2
May			
3	Mississippi (Gm1)	Oxford, Miss.	L 6-7
3	Mississippi (Gm2)	Oxford, Miss.	W 12-2
4	Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.	W 7-2
8-11	SEC Tournament	Plant City, Fla.	
8	LSU (3rd Seed)		
15-18	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	
22-26	College World Series	Oklahoma City, Okla.	

MEN'S GOLF

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULTS
Feb.		
10-11	Tulane Invitational	5th
17-18	Mercedes Benz Collegiate	8th
Mar.		
3-4	Cleveland Golf/USE Southwestern Invitational	8th
10-11	Seminole Intercollegiate	5th
22-23	Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational	13th
Apr.		
6	N.C State Intercollegiate	5th
25-27	SEC Championships (Sea Island, Ga.)	4th
15-17	NCAA East Regional	TBA
28-31	NCAA Championships	Stillwater, Okla.

WOMEN'S GOLF

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULTS
Feb.		
10-12	TRW Regional Challenge	9th
24-26	Arizona Wildcat Invitational	4th
Mar.		
9-11	Lady Gator Invitational	2nd
28-30	Bryan National Collegiate	5th
Apr.		
18-20	SEC Championships (Lexington, Ky.)	3rd
May		
8-10	NCAA Regionals	TBA
20-23	NCAA Championships	West Lafayette, Ind.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
Jan.			
9	Tennessee All-Comers Meet	Knoxville	NTS
17-18	Virginia Tech Kroger Invitational	Blacksburg, Va.	NTS
25	SEC Challenge	Lexington, Ky.	1st
Feb			
8	Kentucky Invitational	Lexington, Ky.	NTS
9	Gator Invitational	Gainesville, Fla.	NTS
14-15	Armory Collegiate Invitational	New York, N.Y.	NTS
21	Tennessee Indoor Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
Mar			
Feb 28 -2	SEC Indoor Championships	Gainesville, Fla.	4th
14-15	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.	5th
20-21	Texas A&M Decathlon	College Station, Tx.	NTS
21-22	Florida State Relays	Tallahassee, Fla.	
28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	NTS
Apr			
5	SEC Triangular	Columbia, S.C.	1st (155)
9-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville	NTS
17-20	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.	NTS
24-26	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.	NTS
27	Knoxville Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
May			
2-3	Jesse Owens Invitational	Columbus, Ohio	NTS
15-18	SEC Outdoor Championships	Knoxville	
30-31	NCAA Mideast Regional	Columbus, Ohio	
June			
11-14	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Sacramento, Calif.	

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
Jan			
9	Tennessee All-Comers Meet	Knoxville	NTS
17-18	Virginia Tech Kroger Invitational	Blacksburg, Va.	NTS
25	SEC Challenge	Lexington, Ky.	6th
31-Feb. 1	Penn State Invitational	University Park, Pa.	NTS
Feb			
9	Gator Invitational	Gainesville, Fla.	NTS
14-15	Armory Collegiate Invitational	New York, N.Y.	NTS
21	Tennessee Indoor Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
Mar			
1-2	SEC Indoor Championships	Gainesville, Fla.	9th
7-8	USATF Indoor Championships	New York, N.Y.	NTS
14-15	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.	23rd
21-22	FSU Relays	Tallahassee, Fla.	NTS
28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	NTS
Apr			
5	SEC Challenge	Columbia, S.C.	3rd
9-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville	NTS
17-20	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.	NTS
24-26	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.	NTS
27	Knoxville Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
May			
3	Gatorade Classic	Knoxville	NTS
15-18	SEC Outdoor Championships	Knoxville	
30-31	NCAA Mideast Regional	Columbus, Ohio	
June			
11-14	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Sacramento, Calif.	

MEN'S TENNIS (9-12, 3-9)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Jan.			
10-19	USTA Future	TBA, Fla.	NTS
16-19	SEC Indoors	TBA	NTS
25	Tennessee Tech	Knoxville	W 7-0
25	Citadel	Knoxville	W 7-0
Feb			
1	Murray St	Knoxville	W 7-0
1	Tenn Martin	Knoxville	W 7-0
8	East Tenn St	Knoxville	W 6-1
9	Louisville	Knoxville	L 2-4
16	Duke	Durham, N.C.	L 3-4
21	Austin Peay	Knoxville	W 5-0
20-23	*National Team Indoors*	Louisville, Ky.	NTS
28	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	L 1-6
Mar			
2	Vanderbilt	Nashville	L 0-7
7	Alabama	Knoxville	W 4-1
9	Auburn	Knoxville	L 2-5
14	LSU	Knoxville	L 3-4
16	Arkansas	Knoxville	W 4-3
18	Georgia Southern	Boca Raton, Fla.	W 4-3
23	Miami Fla	Coral Gables, Fla.	Postponed
28	Mississippi St	Knoxville	L 1-6
30	Mississippi	Knoxville	L 3-4
Apr			
4	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 1-6
6	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L 2-4
12	Georgia	Athens, Ga.	L 1-6
17-20	SEC Championships	Oxford, Miss.	
	Auburn (1st Round)	Oxford, Miss.	L 3-4
May			
9-11	NCAA Regionals	TBA	
18-28	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.	

WOMEN'S TENNIS (20-6, 9-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Jan			
17-19	NCTC	Las Vegas, Nev.	NTS
25	Middle Tennessee St.	Murfreesboro	W 7-0
26	Michigan	Knoxville	W 4-3
Feb.			
1	Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.	W 5-2
2	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	W 5-2
6-9	*National Team Indoors*	Madison, Wisc.	
7	UCLA	Madison, Wisc.	L 3-4
8	Tulsa	Madison, Wisc.	W 7-0
9	Northwestern	Madison, Wisc.	L 3-4
15	Wake Forest	Knoxville	W 5-0
22	Indiana	Knoxville	W 7-0
23	Notre Dame	Knoxville	W 4-3
28	Kentucky *	Knoxville	L 3-4
Mar.			
2	Vanderbilt *	Knoxville	W 4-3
7	Alabama *	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	W 4-3
9	Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	W 6-1
14	LSU *	Baton Rouge, La.	W 6-1
16	Arkansas *	Fayetteville, Ark.	W 7-0
18	BYU	Provo, Utah	W 7-0
22	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	W 5-2
23	Duke	Durham, N.C.	L 3-4
28	Mississippi St. *	Starkville, Miss.	W 7-0
30	Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	W 6-1
Apr.			
4	Florida *	Knoxville	L 3-4
6	South Carolina *	Knoxville	W 4-1
12	Georgia *	Knoxville	W 7-0
17-20	SEC Tournament	Knoxville	
	Vanderbilt (2nd Round)	Knoxville	W 4-1
	Florida (3rd Round)	Knoxville	L 3-4
May			
9-11	NCAA Regionals	TBA	
15-24	NCAA Championships	TBA	

WOMEN'S ROWING

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Mar.			
15	Notre Dame	Knoxville	Scrimmage/NTS
22	Minnesota	Knoxville	NTS
29	Louisville	Knoxville	1st
Apr.			
5	San Diego Crew Classic	San Diego, Calif.	1st
12	G.W. Invit. Crew Classic	Washington, D.C.	1st
18-19	S.I.R.A. Regatta	Oak Ridge	4 1st-place titles
27	Clemson Classic	Clemson, S.C.	NTS
May			
17-18	Lexus Central/Southern Sprints	Oak Ridge	
30	NCAA Rowing Championships	Gainesville, Ga.	
June			
1	NCAA Rowing Championships	Gainesville, Ga.	

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